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BY GRACE ARE YOU SAVED.....

INT. * Eph. 2:1-10. You CAN be saved! God has power!
 * 1:17, 19-23. Power to RAISE Jesus...and YOU !!!

I. WE ARE/WERE DEAD IN A CHRIST-LESS LIFE!!! **SIN!!!**

A. Two views:

1. "A miss." Failure". AS: Husband. Wife. Parent. Child. ?? **Report cards:** Mate say? Child say? Parent say???? GOD SAY????
2. "A slip." "A fall off path." As on narrow ledge in Colo. Slip is fatal.

B. Three fatal effects of sin in our lives:

1. Kills our innocence. Never to be regained!
2. Kills our ideals. Dreams & visions fade.
3. Kills our initiative. Desire and will.

II. PAUL LISTS **SIX CHARACTERISTICS** OF A LIFE WITHOUT JESUS: Spiritual death!!!

1. Operates on the World's standards. Cruel.
2. Operates in Satan's world. Goal is doom..
3. Operates in disobedience to God. God-less.
4. Operates on human passion & desire.
5. Operates on man's lower-nature: the flesh!!
6. Is a life which deserves the WRATH of God.

* Rom. 1:16-18. Pending Spr. death forever!

III. CHRIST HAS/WILL MAKE US **ALIVE** THROUGH A **RESURRECTION** FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DEATH.

1. Jesus cannot restore original **INNOCENCE**:
 He cannot remove all scars, nor erase the Consequences nor the memories of SIN.

HE CAN REMOVE THE GUILT, THE PENALTY & THE PAIN !!
GRACE REMOVES GUILT & PAIN.

2. Jesus cannot restore lost **IDEALS**.
 That time gone, wasted, lost.

HE CAN REKINDLE THE SPARKS OF DYING DREAMS, JOYS, VISIONS AND HAPPINESS. GRACE REMOVES THE PAIN.

Ill. American ferry-boat engineer. Boat, engines, seats, floors dirty-grimy. One day all cleaned, scrubbed & polished. Asked why the CHANGE???"I've got a GLORY. I've been told about Jesus. II Cor. 5:17. "Said, 'ALL THINGS' **BECOME NEW!!**" A Glory!!

3. Jesus cannot restore blessings lost because of lost **INITIATIVE**. **These gone forever!**

HE CAN REVITALIZE THE HUMAN INITIATIVE!!
Grace removes the Pain.

III. Woman in Edinburg, Scotland very poor. Rented house. Lived in cellar. Dark, dismal, and dirty! Heard GEO. MATHESON preach Jesus Later he visited her. Not find her in cellar NOT IN CELLAR. In attic: Clean, cheerful & comfortable--Initiative in life! "Like the Gospel Story. Makes you want to be SOME BODY!!!!" **God's love lit a Fire.**

GRACE REMOVES THE PAIN.

IV. THE PARADOX OF YOUR SALVATION: Vs. 8-10. 3 parts!

A. Saved by **GRACE.8.** That's God's part: Kindness. God is Perfection and no man attains perfection and is therefore never fit to be in God's presence.....**WITHOUT A GIFT !!!** John 3:16!
GRACE GIVES MAN A GIFT!

B. Saved through **FAITH.** That's man's part: Surrender
* Mark 16:15-16. Faith **ACCEPTS** God's **GIFT !!!**
Grace without Faith is Dead.
Faith without Grace is Dead. Boat: **ONE** oar !!!

C. THE SAVED **WORK.*10.** Obey. Serve. Bless.
Good deeds are Faith's proofs: Gal. **Gal. 5:..6.**
"Something is radically wrong with a DISCIPLE whose faith, love & gratitude to God DOES NOT RESULT IN SERVICE TO MAN AND FAITHFUL WORSHIP TO GOD." Paul's view: * Rom. 12:1-2.

INV: TO THE **UNSAVED:** What do you feel **GRATITUDE** TO GOD FOR? Another chance? This hour, moment
REMEMBER: GRACE REMOVES THE PAIN!

TO MY **BROS. & SIS.:** Are you living in the **Cellar** or in the **Attic???**
God's love lights the fire!!!!

GRACE CALLS YOU TO GLORY THIS MORNING!!!!

Don't
miss.

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By Grace are you Saved (1.)

Int. a non-controversial statement:
Everybody wants the same two things:
Remedy. 1. The abundant Life here - NOW.
2. Eternal Life in Heaven - Hereafter.
Sooner or later everyone comes to this!!

I Both are Possible!

- A. John 10:10. abundant Life.
 - B. Eph. 2:1-10 Eternal Life.
- God has the POWER! 1:17, 19-20

II Paul Explains:

A. you ARE/WERE dead in trespasses and sins. two diff things.
1. Trespasses - stepped over God's line of permission. Drunk, Cussed, Stole, Rebelled. Rom. 3:23.

2. Sinned: missed the mark!

B. Now here likely guilty of major sins! Murder, Rape, assault.

Plenty guilty of lesser sins.

Q. degrees of Sin?

Ans. Degrees of punishment: many! New stripes.
Degrees of reward: 5 talent man. 5+5+1.
2 talent man. 2+2.

D. Lesser sins dangerous: Ex. (2)

Eph. 5:25. Take them for granted.
Too busy for them! Ignore them.

→ neglect them. MISSING the MARK??? SIN!

REPORT
CARD!

Titus 2:4. Mothers love children.
DON'T!!! Don't study THEM. Their NEEDS.
Too busy with SELF! School work,
Church work, Club work, etc.

REPORT CARD: Section: Comments. Found

most! "I with my mother would sit
down + TALK to me sometime!"

If don't, missing the mark? SIN

Prov. 22:6.

Hot to talk! Listen!

Eph. 6:1-3. Children obey. Honor.

Three possibilities:

1. Parent teach nothing. Leave child
to SELF! Want it? Prov. 29:15,
Mother to shame.

2. Parent teach; child ignores
+ rebels. Prov. 14:12. Death.

3. Child tries! to listen! Learn!
obeys! Cooperates!

REPORT
CARD!

Promises fulfilled:
abundant life here!
Eternal Life Hereafter.

To challenge RIGHT is sin!!

IV Sin Kills Three Things. (3.)

1. Innocence. Never possible again as before. Fears, Resents
2. Ideals. Lose our dreams - visions for greatness - NOT good, not great.
3. Initiative. Desire dwindles. "Who cares?"

IV Jesus Resurrects us from a Spr. Death.

1. Jesus Cannot restore us to our original innocence.
He can remove the guilt and pain of sin. By Grace. * Eph. 2:8-9.
2. Jesus Cannot restore us to our original Idealism.
He can revitalize our hope.
- III. American Ferry-boat engineer. all changed! Why?
We got a glory! II Cor. 5:17.
Eph. 2:10.
3. Jesus Cannot restore our blessings lost through sin and slothfulness.
Grace can remove the pain!

He can give new reasons
for having Initiative in Life.

Ill. Edinburgh, Scotland woman.
Rent house. Cellar. Heard about
Jesus. a visit! Not in cellar.
In attic. Clean, cheerful + bright.
"I like the gospel story. It
makes a better ME!
Grace removes the pain of Sin!

Inv. God Keeps a Report
Card on each of us. Rev. 20:15.

1. To the Un-Saved.

Want to be free of sin, guilt +
pain? Need the grace of God.
V. 2:8.
Need to clean up the Perry Boat! LIFE

2. To my Brethren: 1 Cor. 5:17.
are you living in the cellar
or in the bright, clean,
cheerful attic of LIFE. your choice!
Christ's Inv.